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The USSR plans to build a strong base at Wonsan immediately after the Korean truce talks are completed. Soviet officials stated on 25 June that this base is needed because of a potential threat of the Japanese Navy to Soviet and Korean shipments of oil by Merchant Marine from Sakhalin via the Sea of Japan. The North Korean government has approved this Soviet plan.

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